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TAGS: PINS, TO

SUBJ: CRASH OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S AIRCRAFT

REF: LOME 224 AND 228.

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE SENT ME BY AMBASSADOR ANDERSON IN COTONOU. IT CONTAINS MUCH NEW OR CLARIFYING INFORMANTION ON SITUATION BETWEEN GOF AND GOT RESULTING FROM CRASH OF PRESIDENT EYADEMA'S AIRCRAFT:

" FRENCH AMBASSADOR VAN GREVENYNGHE TOLD ME JANUARY 28 THAT FOLLOWING EKLO'S JANUARY 25 OUTBURST, FRENCH CHARGE DARASSE WAS INSTRUCTED LODGE VIGOROUS PROTEST WITH FONMIN HUNLEDE, POINTING OUT THAT IN ABSENCE OF CLEAR DENIAL OF RIDICULOUS IMPLICATION THAT FRENCH SOUGHT TO ELIMINATE EYADEMA, ALL FRENCH TECHNICIANS IN TOGO WOULD BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY. WHEN DARASSE SAW HUNLEDE AT LAMA KARA, LATTER EMBARRASSED BY EKLO SPEECH, BUT UNABLE TO SATISFY FRENCH DEMAND. FOCCART
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THEN TELEPHONED EYADEMA AT LAMA KARA TO EXPRESS GOF DISPLEASURE

WITH EKLO'S PERFORMANCE AND TO THREATEN REMOVAL OF
TECHNICIANS. (VAN GREVENYNGHE SURPRISED I DID NOT KNOW
EYADEMA AND OTHER FRANCOPHONE CHIEFS OF STATE COULD REACH
ELYSEE BY TELEPHONE "IN THIRTY SECONDS" DAY OR NIGHT).
EYADEMA TOLD FOCCART THAT EKLO SPEECH WAS REGRETTABLE, AND THAT
TO CLEAR ATMOSPHERE HE WOULD ORDER ALL MINISTERS TO ATTEND
JANUARY 28 RELIGIOUS SERVICES FOR FRENCH CRASH VICTIMS. VAN
GREVENYNGHE SAID THIS WAS STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION, BUT DID
NOT KNOW IF INCIDENT WAS NOT CLOSED."
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